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logically. There can be no doubt that the communicable diseases of the lower animals have an enormous influence upon the present prevalence and the future prevention of preventable diseases.

*Inquiry concerning mortality among dogs and rats in Liverpool.*

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, March 1, 1900.

SIR: In reply to Bureau letter (R. M. W.) of the 10th ultimo making inquiry as to the presence of any special disease among rats or dogs in Liverpool or any other part of Great Britain, I have the honor to state that I can obtain no evidence of any unusual mortality among rats or dogs in Liverpool or its suburbs.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Liverpool.*

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, March 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at the port of Liverpool, England, during the week ended March 3, 1900: The health of Liverpool remains good, no quarantinable disease being reported for the week ended March 2, 1900. Seventeen vessels cleared during the week for United States ports. Of these, 3 were not inspected. Three hundred and thirty-three emigrants were inspected and passed. Two families consisting of 7 persons were detained, owing to a case of chicken pox occurring in 1 of the children. This action was taken by the port sanitary authority for the protection of the children of other steerage passengers, and at my request, since our regulations do not provide for the detention of cases of chicken pox.

In regard to freight, the situation at this port remains unchanged.

I have the honor further to refer for the information of the Bureau to certain complaints made to me by cattlemen employed upon vessels plying between this port and ports in the United States. Complaint is made that upon many trips more cattlemen are shipped than the space certified for their accommodation will accommodate. The extra men are obliged to sleep in the alleyways or in the cargo spaces. This has been remedied here for the return trips by filling in on the bill of health and by inspecting and passing only that number which the particular vessel is certified to accommodate. \* \* \* This matter has been brought to the attention of the Bureau in the hope that some action may be taken at Baltimore to compel the Johnstown Line to provide proper accommodations for cattlemen shipped at that port.

Respectfully,

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*Report from Southampton.*

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, March 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected and passed at this port during the week ended March 3, 1900: Thursday, March 1, steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo.